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ABSTRACT

Disclosed is an optical glass having highrefractivity and low-dispersion optical properties and having a low glass transition point so that a heat-treating furnace can be operated for a long period of time.

The present invention provides an optical glass having a refractive index nd of at least 1.875, an Abbe's number vd of at least 39.5 and a glass transition point Tg of 700°C or lower, an optical glass which is a borosilicate glass comprising at least one selected from La_2O_3 , Gd_2O_3 , Y_2O_3 or Yb_2O_3 and at least one selected from ZrO_2 , Ta_2O_5 or Nb_2O_5 , wherein the ratio (weight ratio) of the total content of La_2O_3 , Gd_2O_3 , Y_2O_3 and Yb_2O_3 to the total content of SiO_2 and B_2O_3 is from 3.2 to 5 and the ratio (weight ratio) of the total content of ZrO_2 , Ta_2O_5 and Nb_2O_5 to the total content of SiO_2 and B_2O_3 is from 1.1 to 1.5, and which has a refractive index nd of at least 1.875 and an Abbe's number vd of at least 39.5, and the like.